# THE SINS OF THE FATHERS Edgar Franklin

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters. When the estate of John Deston, multi-millionaire, came to be settled by his life-long friend. Mr. Barker, an attorney, it was found that the millionaire, by agree-ment with his older son, Wilkes, had practically ignored him (Wilkes), and the great bulk of his fortune had been left great bulk of his fortune had been left great bulk of his fortune had been left to be divided between a younger son, Norman, and a nephew, Gerald Forbes. Fresent at the accounting of the estate was Miss Nina Amato, flancee of Norman Deston, and her father. Gerald Forbes expressed surprise that the elder son should have been neglected, but Wilkes protested that the settlemnt was what he had wished, since he was engressed in scientific study, and had no time to devote to the management of a large fortune.

sat moodily studying the moces of the various members of the family. When the others departed he approached Mr. Barker and confided to him the sensational belief that he believed his uncle to have been murdered.

#### CHAPTER II.

#### The Suspicion.

ROM scross the library, where Wilkes Deston stood by one of the bookcases, there came a crash! The thick volume he had just selected

had dropped from the elder brother's hand, and Wilkes was staring at his Barker, too, after a rather violent

start, was looking at Gerald; and now a single, sharp, impatient little word escaped him:

Gerald's lips twitched as he faced the

"Meaning that it is-nonsense?" Nonsense of the very rankest sort,

Gerald!"

"Mr. Deston's death was due to natural causes, Gerald," said the lawyer, Have ro doubt upon that score." "And Richford-" Wilkes began,

Gerald's breath came quiveringly; the terse little smile flitted across his lips

"I know. Dr. Richford has been treating Uncle John for years. He-" 'And he understood Mr. Deston's trouble perfectly." Earker broke in, reassuringly. "And even if he had seen Mr. Deston for the first time in his life, that day. Elchford's attitude in the profession would make his diagnosis absolutely beyond question?"

"I understand that, too. But the best Not Richford."

"It isn't Richford. It isn't that I have not every confidence in Richford," Gerhad been treating Uncle John for nearly twenty years Mr. Barker, why do you suppose Dr. Richford never menlioned the possibility, at least, of the end coming in that queer way?"

Why-God bless my soul! I'm sure would be a load taken from my don't know!" the lawyer cried, im- mind-"Very likely he thought that, fata; attack, sooner or later, there was the fact! Richford isn't an alarmist."

The younger man's lips closed; and foric later on!" after a second or two opened again, and

stared at it-and Norman Deson walked into the room. He was smiling softly to himself as he asked lightly: Why didn't Richford do what?"

"Tell us that Uncle might die as he did!" his cousin said flatly. "Oh-fiddlesticks!" Barker snapped. my life!" "It's nothing, Norman, Gerald's in-

'Perhaps," said Forbes, "Perhaps it

is more than imagination."

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his teeth on the cigar and turned away the younger man. with an impatient shrug. Norman seated himself on the edge of the table and said. frowned at the floor.

"That is nothing more than your fancy, Geraid," he said gravely. "Richford assured us perfectly that there was no suspicion of of foul play."

"But how could Richford-how could iny one-be certain?" Gerald demanded, desperately,

"Why-1 know nothing about medicine, Gerald," Norman said, in some "Richford, as a physiagitation.

oved Mr. Deston. We have all been hadly shaken by his death. Gerald, with his unhappy nervous, almost hysterical temperament, has sufferedwell, differently, perhaps, from the rest of us. He has taken to brooding and onjecturing and imagining and build- Norman replied. ing horrible possibilites out of thin air. physicians on earth blunder now and It's high time now for Mr. Gerald to out loose and take a year or two of wandering about new countries; and we'll get you away this week, young man, if it has to be done with chieroald hurried on. "But since Richford form! But, meanwhile, suppose we let this nonsense stop!"

> A harsh, mirthless laugh came from Deston's nephew. "Mr. Barker!" he cried. "If I could only know that it is nonsense, there

"Then consider that it is!"

"I have tried to! I cannot!" "Then talk it out, confound you!" nothing to be gained by dwelling upon Barker said angrily. Distress yourself, work Norman and Wilkes into a The lawyer found a cigar and, having seethe of speculations and senseless clipped it and lighted it, smoked calmly problems-and we'll send for Richand regarded Gerald with steady eyes, ford's assistant to give you a sopo-

An uncomfortable silence followed r half a minute. Barker glanced up Barker, if a member of your family at last, rather hopefully. The unpleas were so afflicted they, he or she might ant topic had been dropped. Now a drop off any moment, wouldn't your tactful remark or two would dispel the physician advise you of the possibility?" atmosphere; and before the week was "I presume that he would," escaped out Mr. Barker resolved Gerald should

> "The idea came to me the very moment that Wilkes staggered out of this room, calling for help!" Gerald said suddenly. "I've tried to keep it to myself. But it seems to grow stronger and more fixed, every day of

He dropped into a chair beside the fernal imagination is trying a trick or table. Eyes glittering, he leaned forward and stared into the shadows across the room, and his fingers, ceaselessly in motion, tore at the blank sheet of paper before him. "The idea that Uncle John may have been killed!" Gerald murmured.

The younger son's eyes opened sud
blank sheet of paper before him. Barker's eyebrows went up in exapperation; his shoulders shrugged once more and his hands rammed into the nephew said, shakily. "I laid it

denly. Barker, about to speak, closed his trousers pockets as he considered

"Uncle John had enemies!" Gerald "Every rich man has enemies—a raft of them!" growled the lawyer. "But-Norman!"

"Yes?" "You were Uncle John's secretary?" "I attended to all of father's personal mail-yes."

"And is it not a fact that he reelved threatening letters?" Norman regarded him steadily and

sadly. They really had no significance." His interrupted. He had come to the side head shook slowly. "They were, I of the table and his practical eyes were suppose, just the same kind of comalmost hard, as they swept the trio, munications that most very wealthy This is absolute, utter rot! We all men receive-letters from cranks, begging letters, notes demanding money on pain of death, and--' "And letters from people who im-

> agined that Uncle John had injured them! "I put those in the 'crank' class, "And that's where they belong!

> Barker interposed. "Mr. Deston never harmed a man in his life!" Gerald's odd smile was turned upon "Does it make very much difference,

> Mr. Barker, whether a man has actually been injured or is convinced that he has been injured?"

"If a man brooded long enough over a supposed wrong, wouldn't it—to him
become plain fact in time?"
The lawyer smiled acidly. "Viewing you just at this moment, Gerald, I am bound to say that it

Then-oh, I'll have to take Barker's 'Yes, there were four or five corres-

pondents who harped on that theme year in and year out. One of them the police succeeded in finding and arresting, you remember. He is in an\_asy-"And they found none of the others!"

Berald said significantly. "Well? None of them have done any 'Haven't they? Or have they?" the

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"Then why didn't Richford do just was Monday; well, by Friday, at the he brought his fist down hard upon the very latest—

The lawyer removed his cigar and "Do you know, I—" he began.

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"Do you know, I—" he began." Wilkes found Mr. Deston in this room." Sitting at this very table!"
'Precisely-sitting at this very table

He had been stricken in the act of writing a letter, by an acute attack of his chronic heart trouble. That is the be-ginning and the end of the whole sad affair. You know that, I know it, we all know it! That was Richford's verdict, and there is no other possible verdictoutside of an unhappily overwrought mind like your own!" Gerald booked squarely at him.

'Do you know what was in the letter?" The letter Uncle John was writing

·He opened a drawer of the table and felt around for a little. Then, finally, felt around for a little. Then, finally, he brought forth an unfolded sheet of not paper, with an inconspicuous "John Deston, Stedmore, N. Y.," engraved to CHARLES H. L. JOHNSTON. "Single at the top and a few lines of clear." he brought forth an unfolded sheet of at the top and a few lines of clear writing. He handed it to the lawyer, and without excitement Barker read half aloud:

"'Dear sir: In spite of the repeated warnings which you have been good enough to give me, I have no fear-Barker nodded. "I remember hearing

"That was merely a personal letter to some friend or business connection," Norman said, somewhat uneasi- Bidg.

threats."

"Yet is it not at least curious that ve found him bending over just this etter, cold in death?"

"Curious enough, perhaps, if you wish to look at it that way; but if Mr. Deston had ever finished that letter, you would have found that it related to some minor business item!" lated to some minor business item!"

"But he did not finish it—and to me the queerest thing is that he began it at all! Uncle John always had several hours of warning, before those attacks. It was his habit, invariably, to go to bed. Yet he must have felt perfectly well, or he would not have begun a letter. Then, too, none of us were around that morning you remember. Uncle had a visitor—a stranger. Pell brought him in here and Pell did not see him go out. And although it was an extremely cold, wet day, we found the window wide open, and—"Showing simply that Mr. Deston

"Showing simply that Mr. Deston felt the need of air!" Barker said. "And there were two wine glasses on the table, empty!"
"But, my dear boy, Pell brought in those glasses and the sherry at Mr. Deston's order."

"Very true. And Pell or some one else removed them and washed them before anyone could think to have them saved for examination!" Gerald

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Then suppose we forget your honst belief for good and all, and talk "And I do not believe that the mat-

r has ended there!" Gerald added, oarsely. "I believe that whatever nemies were threatening Uncle John hoarsely. ire menacing us—one or perhaps all of us—at this moment!"
"Hey?" Barker cried, in bewilderment.
"I believe that they were not satisfied with uncle's death. They're carrying

the vengeance on to us! Snort if you want to, Barker. I believe it. I believe that men have been sneaking about these grounds for the last month, watching, and watching, and watching." "For what?" the lawyer snapped.
"The chance to strike at one of they struck at Uncle John. Oh! I'm

"Then—oh. I'll have to take Barker's altogether crazy, you know. I've seen advice and 'talk it out!' Norman, there the same man—out there—twice during the same man—out there—twice during the past week. Once he ran from behind a tree, and got into the bushes, a way beyond the lake, and—"

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Barker supplemented, "you are suffering from a consuming terror of being hurt, somehow or other, in a fashion you cannot explain."

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"Well, there are several ways of at-anding to little feelings like those," the tending to little feelings like those," the lawyer observed, dryly, "and we-eh?" His jaw dropped as he caught the expression upon the nephew's face. The brothers, too, started forward on the instant, and from Gerald's lips came a

instant, and from Gerald's lips came a very, very quiet:
"Don't move, any of you!"
"What—"
"Just be still, as you are!" His voice was quite still, but his hands were trembling violently. "Some one isstealing along—on the little varanda on this side of the wing!" The attempted unconcern of the smile became ghastly. "Ton't you hear?" Don't you hear?"
"I hear nothing, Gerald," Norman

said. "Suppose—"
"Then, there—there at the window!"
Forbes shot from his chair and sent it
banging to the floor, and his arm pointed wildly toward the big panes. "That
face! Look! Look! Look!"

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11TH ST. N. W., 517-Two nicely furnished rooms on the second floor; large front room, steam heat; would rent for housekeeping. 1 MASS. AVE. N. W., 459-Nicely furnished rooms; large and small; hot water ith or without board. 16TH ST. N. W., 1615—Double room on parior floor; well heated; large closet; \$2 weekly; adjoining rooms for housekeeping. 13TH ST. N. W., 1111-Two communicating rooms on second floor for light housekeeprooms on second floor for light hoing; also dining room and kitchen. 13TH ST. N. W., 823-Large, second floor room; suitable for two or three; also other small rooms. 12TH ST. N. W., 808-Furnished rooms with private bath: transients accommodated. private bath; transients acc ST. N. W., 427-First floor front rooms, vacant March 1, for couple. MAINE AVE. S. W., 510-Corner 5th-Two nicely furnished well heated housekeeping front rooms, all conveniences; \$3.50. MD. AVE. S. W., 503-Newly furnished well heated housekeeping rooms, all conveni-ences; \$3.50 up; also board for couple, cheap; 3D ST. N. W., 216-Nicely furnished front rooms, 32, 42; gentlemen or couple. EYE ST. N. W., 911-Double second floor front, communicating back; also other mall rooms. 2D ST. N. W., 738-Large furnished front room; also hall room; \$1.50 per week. 1 H ST. N. W., 434-Large furnished rooms for light housekeeping. RIVERDALE, MD.—Two large furnished rooms with porch; cars at door, Mrs. T. A. FLYNN, Riverdale, Md. 1 H ST. N. E., 963-Two second floor front IST ST. N. W., 731-Two furnished reoms, light housekeeping; \$16 month; back. TH ST., 726-Nicely furnished, \$1.50 up; well heated; near Pension Office. H ST., 620-Large double parlor, newly fursuitable for business office or ing; light housekeeping if desired. 6TH ST. N. W., 613—Furnished room; well heated; for light housekeeping. Q ST. N. W., 1213-Rooms for light house-keeping; heat, gas, and bath; near two car lines. 3D ST. N. W., 1625—Large icely furnished front room to desirable colored tenant, 48. D ST., 517-Housekeeping rooms for sleeping, J. AVE. S. E., 436-Furnished rooms, adjoining bath; light housekeeping if desired; asonable. ARVARD ST. N. W., 1872—Delightful loca-tion; large front rooms; reasonable; also econd story south room and hall room. 8TH ST. N. W., 1138-Large and small second

#### FOR RENT—ROOMS Unfurnished.

EYE ST. N. W., 810-Nicely furnished rooms, 2d floor front; gentlemen preferred.

8TH ST. N. W., 819-Two third floor front rooms; central location; reasonable.

H ST. N. W., 1008-First, second, and third floor front rooms; also nice bay window

FAIRMONT ST. N. W., 717-South front room and kitchen with coal range and private toilet; \$10. 7TH ST. N. E., 704-Four rooms and alcove, \$9 per month; also four rooms, second floor, \$8.50 per month, 706 17th st. N. E. 1 H ST. N. E., 237-Two rooms with bath and gas; \$8; with privileges. 10TH ST. N. W., 1326-Large unfurnished 2d floor rooms with heat and gas; fine location R ST. N. W., 200-Entire second floor, three nice rooms and bath; all heated; light housekeeping. light housekeeping; gas, heat, bath; \$12 7TH ST. N. W., 1216-Flat, 6 rooms and bath; all conveniences; only \$20.50. W., 900-Basement front room large; well lighted; tollet; for business 2D ST. N. E., 13—Three and four large rooms, bath, 1st and 2d floors; rear porch; steam heat; hot water, gas range; enameled

#### FOR RENT—ROOMS Furnished and Unfurnished.

19TH ST. N. W., 716-Large hall room, very reasonable to refined party; good neigh-

#### P ST. N. W., 511—Three very pleasant reoms for light housekeeping; near three car lines. ROOMS AND BOARD

IRVING ST. N. W., 1315—Large, bright, front room, suitable for two gentlemen; with board, \$45 per month; also nicely furnished single room, \$25 per month. PA. AVE. N. W., 1877-Beautiful rooms to young men, \$5 a week, with board. H ST. N. W., 1109-Rooms with board; also one small room, \$4 per week. 9TH ST. N. W., 733—Heated rooms and board \$5; table, \$3.50; transient \$1 a day; 6 a. m. berakfast; men only. GIRARD ST. N. W., 1402-Pleasant rooms, with excellent board, in quiet private fam-F ST. N. W., 264-Large, warm, cheerful rooms; for 2; also hall room; excellent ome cooking.

#### THE NORTHUMBERLAND CAFE, N. H. ave, and V st. N. W., under new manage-ent; excellent meals. N. 7269.

12TH ST. N. W., 801-Nicely furnished double

rooms, with excellent table board; gent

nen preferred.

TABLE BOARD K ST. N. W., 941-Excellent table board, \$10 per month; \$2.50 per week.

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# Wholesale Produce Market

Butter-Fancy, tub, 2815a29c per fb.; prints,

29% a30c per lb.; firsts, tub, 26c per lb.;

print, 2614c per ib.; process butter, tub, 2214

allo per lb.; print, 24%c per lb.

Cheese-New York, new, 16a174c; flat cheese, 18c per lb.; dalsy cheese, 17c per lb.

1b.; ducks, Mal6c per lb.; turkeys, large, Dressed Poultry-Turkey hens, undrawn, 22a23c per lb.; gobblers, undrawn, 21a22c per 1b.; old toms, 20c per 1b.; turkeys, thin, 15a 17c per lb.; chickens, 18a19c per lb.; hens, 17c per 1b.; young ducks, 16a18c per 1b.; old, 15a16c per lb.; choice geese, llaisc per lb.
Fruits-Appies, \$4.00a5.50 per bbl.; lemons,
\$3.00a4.00 per box; oranges, California, \$2.35
a3.55 box; Florida, \$2.00a2.50 per box; tangerines, \$3.00a4.50 per strap; strawberries, 25a
254c box; pincappies, \$1.50a2.00 crate; keifer
pears, \$1.00a1.25 per box; grapefruit, \$2.75a3.50.
Green Goode-Potatoes per bu., 60a6736c;
sweets, per bbl., \$2.25a2.70; cucumbers, Florida,
\$3.00a2.50 per basket; tomatoes, fancy,
Florida, \$2.05a2.00 per box; lettuce, Florida,
b6ca\$1.00 basket; Florida spring cabbage,
\$1.75a2.00 per bbl.; \$2.50a2.00 per crate; squash,
\$1.00a1.25 per bbl.; \$2.50a2.00 per crate; squash,
\$1.00a2.50 per bbl.; \$2.50a2.00 per crate; cramberries,
\$1.25a2.50 per box; \$3.50a1.05 per bbl.; Florida
peapers, \$2.50a2.25 per crate; cauliflower,
\$4.60a6.00 per bbl.; beans, 75ca3.25 per basket;
kale, per bbl., \$1.00a1.25; spinach, \$1.25a2.50
per bbl.; Florida parsley, \$1.50a1.75 per basket;
kale, per bbl., \$1.00a1.25; spinach, \$1.25a2.50
per bbl.; Florida parsley, \$1.50a1.75 per basket;
cyster plant, 50a7.50 per crate;
\$2.75a4.50; new potatoes, \$5.00a6.00 per bbl.

#### Theatricals Fostered By Church Authorities

Few people know that plays in England, Germany, Italy, and France were fostered for religious purposes by the church centuries before they were taken | ter's hut within a few hours. up as a seprate secular business. Moreover, a few visitors to St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, realize that that church during Elizabeth's reign, and the first years of the reign of James I, set aside one of its adjacent buildings for use as a secular theater. Its little stage was famous, and the company of choir boys as actors presented many of the great plays of Shakespeare's time. They act-ed from about 1508 to 1608 under the management of Edward Pierce, their great master in music, who as church almoner had business control of these adjacent buildings owned by the church.

London Chronicle.

#### Dummy of George IV Had a Right to Shrink

The showman was in his element. Be upon the village green. Turning to the Eads bridge," effigy of a thin, attenuated gentleman in gorgeous garb he exclaimed: "Now this, gentlemen, this is the cream of the 'ole collection. You'd be surprised if I was to tell you wot I paid for 'im. 'E's taken from life, 'e is. 'E's—" "Stow the will, which was to tell you would be surprised in the will, which was to tell you would be surprised in the will, which was to tell you would be surprised." Live Poultry-Spring chickens, 16a17c per 5b.; hens, 15a18c per 1b.; roosters, 10a11c per taken from life, 'e is. 'E's—" "Stow the guff, mister, and come to the point!" the guff, mister, and come to the point!" interrupted a voice. "Tell us 'o 'e is!" W. H. Allen, the body of the deceased was taken to St. Louis and the cremation and disposition of the ashes took place. The brothers and sisters of the monarchs since the time of William the Conqueror." "But I thought," interposer a small man in blue glasses, determined to get full value for the 3d admission he had paid, "that George IV was a very stout man." "Very likely 'e was, sir," replied the showman; "but if you'd keep 'era as long as 'es withyou'd been 'ere as long as 'e 'as, with-out even a mouthful of food, you'd 'ave' shrunk a bit yerself."-London Answers.

## A Dog Hero.

When James Parks, of Elk City, Ore., became suddenly ill while alone in the mountains on a hunting expedition and grew so weak he could not leave his temporary hunter's hut, he called to him his collie dog Rover and tied about his neck a message asking keep correct time, that I found it was for help. Then by word and gesture he told the dog to "go." Although the colle had not been away from Parks' cabin for weeks except in company with his master, Rover seemed to grasp the situation and understand what was wanted. The dog at once struck a bee line across country and went straight to the home of Parks' brother in Elk Cty. When the brother read the note taken from the collie's neck he hastily summoned a doctor, who, guided safely by the faithful animal, reached the hun

#### Had His Approval. T've a good mind to shoot myself!"

Then you think I would be better

'I was thinking of the world."-Hous-

"That's the stuff! Got a gun?"

Not His Fault. "Do you obey the Bible injunction to love your neighbor?"
"I tried to, but she won't let me."-

#### Wills His Ashes to Be Thrown From Bridge

"I direct that after death my body be fore an admiring crowd of country shipped by express to St. Louis and yokels he was dilating upon the virtues there cremated, and my ashes strewn to of his wax-works collection, gathered the winds from the south side of the This is the unusual provision in the will of Joel Baumuller, who died at a

## were present at the cremation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In accordance with the provisions of

the will, which was made January 25,

tion and disposition of the ashes took place. The brothers and sisters of the

place. The brothers and sisters of the deceased met the body in St. Louis and

Knew the World. The teacher was trying to impress upon her class the necessity of regulating the sinful human heart, and to drive her point home she produced her watch. "Now, boys," she said, "you all see this watch"-an assertion so obviously

true that there was no danger of con-

tradiction. "Now," she continued, "just suppose for a moment that it did not willing to go any way but the right way, what should I do with it?" There was the usual pause, which upils indulge in because it flatters the teacher by making her suppose her problem is a very deep one, and that her wisdom is therefore profound. Then a bright little boy held up his hand.
"Please, miss," he said, "you would sell it to a friend!"—Kansas City Journal.

# "A verdict for \$10,000 isn't so bad," said the junior partner. "How much shall we allow our client?" "Oh, give him \$50," answered the sentor partner. "But hold." "Well?" "Don"

"Don't be hasty. Promise to give him \$50."—Louisville Courier-Journal. Getting Even. Blobbs—Scribbler has had no less than nine plays rejected. Slobbs—What is doing now?"

Blobbs-Writing essays on the decline of the drama, -Detroit Free Press.

# National Savings

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Swartzell, Rheem &